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### John Kean to Susan Kean, March 26, 1787

John Kean

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Altho Allibone sails on the same day with Pinker yet cannot I be satisfied that he should depart without a token of my love to my Dear Susan - for is it not among the things possible that this may reach her hand before that by Pinker and will it not afford much satisfaction to receive the happy information that her Love her friend mends daily - my heart answers yes, it will fill her heart with gladness & make her soul rejoice - then surely it is right I should do it for is it not my duty to make her happy who has done so much for me, who loves me with such truth & who would sacrifice every thing to make me easy & happy - how do I long to be within the reach of your voice that I might have the felicity of



hearing <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ sweet sound of ~~your voice~~  
answering my enquiries after the health  
of my love — How are you my dear  
Susan? How have you been? happy I  
hope without a care or fear, but for me —  
see how selfish I am, I would have you  
both care & fear for me — for I cannot  
wish you so much indifference as not  
to have some small apprehensions, but none  
such as to destroy your peace or health —

This place is taken up in conversing  
about a Ball made by a Mr Turner on  
Thursday last — This Mr T you must know  
is a dancing master & the season growing warm  
he concludes it with this ball — for which each  
scholar gives him a guinea & receives two  
tickets — its brilliancy is much spoke of  
& the dresses & appearance of the children  
much extolled — one young lady a girl  
of about ten or twelve years old had on a  
dress which cost full thirty guineas — what  
think you of the extravagance of my



country people - I am afraid luxury  
and dissipation are too deep rooted ever  
to be eradicated - but thank God it is  
confined to a few - The people of Charleston  
we country folks know no such extravagance  
we are content with cheap cloaths and  
fare -

I yesterday dined with a gentleman  
the name of Pucker who was passing  
Houstoun - he gives a terrible account  
passage - they were out twenty six  
were reduced to a quart of water each  
bad times -

Present my Love to your father and  
all the family - remember my godson -  
but write me particularly about your father.  
I shall leave this on Wednesday or Thursday -  
Adieu

Take care of your self for your  
John T. Bran

Charleston March 26<sup>th</sup> 1787



M<sup>rs</sup> Fran